

MINUTES
STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGES
WORK SESSION
April 19, 2007

The State Board for Community and Junior Colleges (SBCJC) met at 6:00 p.m. at the Jackson Hilton in Jackson, Mississippi, on April 19, 2007.

The following members were present: Mrs. Patricia (Pat) Dickens, Mr. Henry (Bubba) Hudspeth, Dr. Dorothy Nelson, Mr. Ed Perry, Mr. George Walker and Mrs. Brenda Yonge. The following were absent: *Mr. Chip Crane, Mr. Bruce Martin and Mr. Napoleon Moore.*

SBCJC staff present: Dr. Wayne Stonecypher, Dr. Randall Bradberry, Dr. Jason Pugh, Ms. Debbie Borgman, and Mrs. Janet Dominy.

Guest present: Dr. Reggie Sykes – Institutions of Higher Learning (IHL).

Mr. George Walker called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Dr. Bradberry began by discussing the new dual enrollment LPN program. It will begin with 3 or 4 pilot programs at secondary schools. Some of the secondary schools may have to change requirements for some high school graduation courses.

Mr. Ed Perry brought up the critical report in the news regarding the nursing program at Hinds. Dr. Bradberry responded. The ADN program is certified through IHL, and Dr. Ware from IHL was consulted. The test in question was a particular teacher test and not a national board test. Dr. Mahaffey, the head of nursing at Hinds Community College, and two other teachers reviewed the tests. A student needed a 78 in order to pass the unit test.

Mrs. Pat Dickens said the tests should be made by more than one teacher. The 34 students that passed (majority) had taken the test more than one time. Dr. Stonecypher said that some of the students may be able to retake the test.

Mr. Henry Hudspeth commented that the nursing program is one of the hardest programs and only the top students should be admitted. The comment was made that it would be good publicity to survey the pass / fail rate of the other nursing programs at the other community colleges.

Mrs. Pat Dickens asked about the security for the colleges. Dr. Stonecypher responded. He said that Dr. Hank Bounds (Mississippi Department of Education) had contacted him and volunteered a former FBI agent to help develop a security plan. A seminar is being planned in the near future to include the presidents, security personnel, and deans from the colleges. Dr. Stonecypher said that the problem at Virginia Tech was two-fold. One was a security problem, and the other was a public relations problem. Both problems need to be addressed.

Dr. Nelson spoke about the need for trained counselors at the colleges.

Dr. Bradberry said that more detail on the legislative session would be given on Friday.

Ms. Debbie Borgman reviewed the Finance agenda items, as follows:

Education Enhancement Fund Disbursements for April 30, 2007, from funds 4080 and 4110 in the total amount of \$3,213,260. See "Finance Attachment 1" of the April 20, 2007, meeting minutes.

Ms. Borgman reported that the **March Education Enhancement Disbursements** for Fund 4080 and Fund 4110 were approved in the total amount of \$3,213,260; however, the deposit amounted to only \$3,200,400.52 resulting in a difference of \$12,859.48. See "Finance Attachment 2" of the April 20, 2007 meeting minutes.

The Z-1 Budget request is for the purchase of equipment for Blackboard expansion and the construction of the new Technology Data Center. Mr. Walker asked if there have been any problems. Debbie said, no, but that we would need DFA approval to make the purchases before July 2007. This will require Board approval.

Financial Statements for Funds 2291 and Special Funds as of March 31, 2007, are shown as "Finance Attachments 5a and 5b" of the April 20, 2007, meeting minutes.

The Purchasing Policy Update - H.B. 1012 revised the threshold limits from \$5,000 to \$25,000.

SB 3130 – **Appropriations Bill** and SB 3131 – **CJC Support** are shown as "Finance Attachments 7a and 7b" of the April 20, 2007, meeting minutes. SB 3130 gives a large increase for Blackboard and an increase to flow to the colleges. SB 3131 is a support bill. A review of the **House and Senate Versions of the Appropriations Bill** (SB 3130) – will be given tomorrow. HB 246 is a Bond Bill of \$35 million for the colleges. It is shown as Attachment 7c. One half of the \$35 million will be dispersed equally to each of the colleges, and the other half will be dispersed by enrollment. SB 3201 is a Bond Bill for MGCCC for \$3 million through DFA hurricane relief.

FY2008 budget will be discussed next month and will require approval at the June meeting.

Dr. Pugh discussed the exciting LPN program scheduled to start in the fall. Three possible sites are Hinds Community College, East Mississippi Community College and Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College. The goal is for the student to achieve a high school diploma and pass the national LPN exam. It will be worked through the Allied Health Program, the High School Redesign Project, and Clusters and Pathways. The major obstacle right now is coordinating the curriculum between the high schools and colleges. Some of the colleges may need to add summer programs.

Dr. Stonecypher discussed the need for a new facility. We are now out of available space. Construction would probably be 3 or 4 years away. The main cost would be for the building structure. We now have approximately 6,000 square feet and need to plan for at least 10,000 square feet. It should be designed for expansion and should be planned for 41 employees. If a plan were to be decided on, it could be brought to the Presidents' Meeting in June in order to be a part of the FY08 legislative package. It can be put on the May agenda for further discussion.

The appointment of new board members was discussed. Neely Carlton, with the Governor's office, said Governor Barbour can not appoint new, non-confirmed board members until the next legislative session. The board will stay with 9 members until then. The Board can begin meeting via teleconference in July.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Recorded by:

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